

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Please cancel claims 1 to 10 and 16 to 20 as follows (all of the allowed claims are reproduced below in their entirety), while retaining allowed claims 11 to 15:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
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8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended, allowable) A method for manufacturing a flat panel display comprising the steps of:

providing a baseplate and a faceplate;

desorption processing the faceplate in a vacuum;

merging the baseplate and the faceplate while still in the vacuum after the step of

desorption processing the faceplate; and

sealing the vacuum between the baseplate and the faceplate;

wherein the step of desorption processing includes a step of pre-aging the

faceplate;

wherein the step of pre-aging the faceplate is performed from 120 to 300 minutes;

and

~~The method as claimed in claim 10~~ wherein the step of desorption processing includes a step of pre-aging before merge of the baseplate and the faceplate.

12. (Previously Amended, allowable) The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the step of pre-aging uses irradiation with electrons from an electron gun.

13. (Previously Amended, allowable) The method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the step of pre-aging uses irradiation with electrons having a current density of 5 to 10 times higher than that of the faceplate during normal operation.

14. (Previously Amended, allowable) A method for manufacturing a flat panel display comprising the steps of:

providing a baseplate and a faceplate;

desorption processing the faceplate in a vacuum;

merging the baseplate and the faceplate; and  
sealing the vacuum between the baseplate and the faceplate;  
wherein the step of desorption processing includes a step of pre-aging after merge  
of the baseplate and the faceplate.

15. (Previously Amended, allowable) The method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the  
step of pre-aging includes application of a voltage of 6 to 9 kV between the baseplate and the  
faceplate.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)